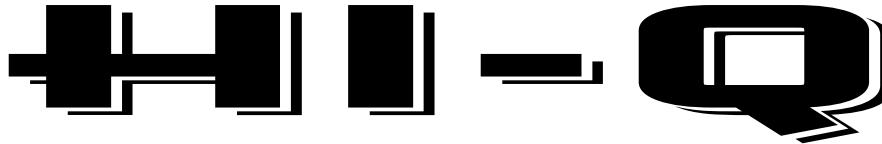




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## LARC Meetings this Thursday!

This will be the final meeting of the LARC before the summer recess. Doug, VE3EFC will be describing how he restored an old receiver that he used as a young Amateur. Part of the story will be how he found it and got it back to Thunder Bay.

In an attempt to make the meetings more interesting and informative the Executive is looking for members to come forward and give a short talk at the start of our meetings. It does not need, nor do we want a PHD treatise on some idea but rather a short talk on what you're doing as an Amateur.

Got a new rig and just figured out how to program it, trying a new mode, just found a new program that we all have to have, know of an interesting web site or have a technique to make it easier at a public service event? Come out and share your knowledge.

A quick email to any executive will get your position at an upcoming meeting.

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## ICS Training for ARES

Recently I have received a few questions from the field relating to ICS training. For the uninitiated, this is an emergency management operations doctrine based on the European Military Staff system and widely accepted by municipal and governments for emergency management. One of its benefits is that it facilitates a common language used in planning, operations, communications, etc. thereby minimizing confusion during intense activities involving many jurisdictions.

ARES under direction from their respective SMs, offers support to municipalities across Canada in providing a back-up communications capability for the municipal emergency management team. Some of these municipalities or served agencies use ICS and where that exists, there could be a request that ARES radio operators be trained at least to the ICS-100 / 200 levels in order to be familiar with its concepts. RAC does not have the resources nor is it structured to offer in-house ICS training. However, there is a detailed description of ICS and were training may be located across Canada, on line.

SMs this is information for you to pass along to your STCs and SECs and municipal contacts if they should inquire.

The ICS web site is [www.icscanada.ca<http://www.icscanada.ca/>](http://www.icscanada.ca) and is in PDF format for easy download.

You are encouraged to visit this site and share this information both internally and externally with your served agencies.

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**ABOUT US**

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to [hiqnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hiqnewsletter@gmail.com)

**Nets in the Thunder Bay Area**

**Sunday** AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team ( CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

**Monday** SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

**Every Day** The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: [ve3mxj@rac.ca](mailto:ve3mxj@rac.ca)

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**ARES District Emergency Coordinator**

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**LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS**

**VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch**

**VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2**

**442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100**

**144.390 APRS**

**VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)**

## Eyeball QSO's

One of the best parts of Amateur Radio is making a friend on the air and then being able to follow up and have an eyeball QSO. It really doesn't matter if it's around the corner or around the world, the fact you get to meet someone you have had a QSO with is a part of Amateur Radio that is particularly gratifying to me.

As a bit of a sidebar to this my YL, Rita has a sister who lives in Udine in the North West part of Italy, in a region called Friuli. It's roughly equivalent to our provinces, not far from Venice. Now that we are retired we make a yearly pilgrimage to visit Lucy and spend some time there. This area of Italy is famous for San Danielle prosciutto, bocconcini made from Buffalo milk, rice from the adjacent region of Piedmont and just a wee bit of red wine from Casarsa. But that's a story for another time.

I also like to operate from the Thunder Bay 55+ Centre station, VE3SAO. When I'm operating I am always on the lookout for stations from that area. Last year there was an opening on 10 Metres and I heard Andrea, IV3OKO working some North American stations. I knew that the IV3 prefix was for Friuli so that means it's a lets work'em now station. After a few tries Andrea was in the log and we talked how I had been to Udine several times and hoped to meet up with him some time. Check out his web page for a nice tour of Udine.

<http://qrz.com/db/IV3OKO>

After a few emails he invited Rita and I to the Udine Amateur Cub meeting. The answer was YES! We had a wonderful time and enjoyed some incredible hospitality. In addition we met a lot of the locals from Udine and got an incredible tour of their club station. I have to say thanks to all the members of the Udine ARC for some incredible hospitality that evening. They were so gracious and welcoming.

The next week there was the Amateur Radio and Electronics Fiesta (Hamfest) in Pordenone, just a short train trip from Udine. I had been planning to attend this for a few years and this time it came to fruition. Fiestas in that part of the world are divided equally between a social event and radio. There was lots of electronic stuff to touch and buy. I managed to buy and cross a few things off my Dayton list there. Even Rita was caught up a little in Pordenone "Fever".

So the next time you make a QSO ask if there is a Ham club or swap near nearby. If the answer is yes get out Google maps and see how you can get there. I suspect you won't be disappointed. And it takes Amateur Radio to a whole new level.

Buoni Viaggi, Good Travels.

IV3OKO is to my left

Rita and Bill 'XT'



IV3/VE3XT



# Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

## May 2015 Treasurers Report

Balance May 1 2015	<u>\$1,288.29</u>
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### Income

Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
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### Expenses

May 8 UPS Postal Box Rental 1 Year	\$191.48
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$191.48</u></b>
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Balance May 31, 2015	<u>\$1,096.81</u>
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<u>Trailer Account</u>		
	Previous Balance	\$773.93
<b>Income</b>		
May 31 Interest		\$0.07
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$774.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Total Expenses:		\$0.00
	Balance in Trailer Account	<b>\$774.00</b>

### Term Account

May 01 2015 Balance	\$2,043.18
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May 29, 2015 Interest	\$0.67
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May 31, 2015 Balance	\$2,043.85
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**Bill Unger VE3XT**

**Treasurer**

**June**

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## **Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club**

**Date: May 14, 2015**

**Vice President, Robert Hansen VE3RVA Presiding**

### **Guest Speaker:**

Fred Lesnick VE3FAL – Fred gave a very informative talk and slide show on RaDAR (Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio). Fred also demonstrated the equipment he uses on his portable operations.

### **Treasurer's Report: Bill Unger VE3XT**

Norm Bell VE3XRC moves to accept the report as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Andy Malcolm VE3INI. . Passed.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Brad Harris VE3MXJ moves to accept the previous meeting's minutes as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Andy Malcolm VE3INI. Passed.

### **Old Business:**

**Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)**

#### **Canwarn**

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### **Past Events:.**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Monday May 18th – 10 Mile Road Race – Norm Bell VE3XRC reports everything set.  
Saturday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - Conquer the Dog  
Saturday Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – Xterra Sleeping Giant Run  
Sunday Sep 13<sup>th</sup> - Caribou Charity ride  
Oct CIBC Run for the Cure  
Nov Santa Claus Parade

**2 Day Weekend License Course: Karl Hamilton VE3RRP**

Brandon VE3OTV has received his HF endorsement. One other student is studying for his license.

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**New Business: No new business**

**50/50 Draw: No draw**

**Adjournment moved by: Brad VE3MXJ**

**Next Executive Meeting: Thurs. June 4, 2015, 7:30 PM**

**Next LARC Meeting: Thurs. June 11, 2015, 7:30 PM**

### ***Some Links from Jan VA3JRS***

<http://theconversation.com/our-predictions-of-solar-storms-have-not-been-very-accurate-until-now-heres-why-42669>

<http://www.eham.net/articles/34231>

***ENJOY!***

# June 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Last LARC Meeting - See you in September	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					